

# German Force Rushed From Antwerp Threatens Allies' Lines to Coast as Von Kluck Hammers d'Amade's Wing

## GERMAN GUNS BATTER DOWN ANTWERP FORTS

Military Governor Warns Pop-  
ulace Bombardment of  
City Is at Hand.

### "LEAVE WHILE YOU CAN"

Germans Storm Fortifications  
Their Guns Failed to  
Reduce.

### SEARCHLIGHTS ON BALLOONS

Fighting Continuous Throughout Night  
as Armies Meet Hand to Hand  
in Trenches.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
London, Oct. 7.—A dispatch to the Ex-  
change Telegraph Company from Ant-  
werp gives the following official com-  
munication, issued at 10 o'clock last  
(Tuesday) night:  
"The military governor has informed  
the burgomaster that a bombardment of  
Antwerp is imminent and that the people  
who wish to flee from the town are re-  
quested to leave.

"The bombardment will have no influ-  
ence on the town's resistance, which will  
be pushed to the extreme limit."

The Exchange Telegraph Company adds  
that the foregoing message has been  
passed by the British censor for publica-  
tion.

### Defenses Are Penetrated.

This announcement indicates that  
the Germans have penetrated the de-  
fenses of Antwerp, although it was  
reported yesterday (Tuesday) after-  
noon that attacks on the forts were  
shaken off. It also was said that the  
appearance of German troops near  
Lille indicated that Germany had been  
forced to draw off forces from Ant-  
werp to relieve the German right wing  
in France, which was hard pressed by  
the allies.

It is announced here that the Great  
Eastern Company's steamship service  
between Tilbury, at the mouth of the  
Thames, and Antwerp has been sus-  
pended.

Antwerp, Oct. 6.—German troops are  
now storming the defenses of Antwerp.  
The attacks began last yesterday after-  
noon the great guns of the Germans had  
battered away at the forts for four days  
and fighting was continued throughout  
the night. The statement issued at the  
war office today said that the attack of  
the Germans had been repulsed.

"The enemy is trying to take by storm  
the defenses that his artillery has failed  
to destroy," said the statement. "But we  
have repulsed every attempt to break our  
defense. The fighting was of a desperate  
character several times during the night,  
our troops engaging in hand-to-hand  
struggles with their assailants. The Bel-  
gians won new glory by their heroic de-  
fense."

### Searchlights on Balloons.

The night fighting took place under the  
glare of searchlights operated by both  
the conflicting armies. Those of the Bel-  
gians were mounted on the fortifications,  
while those of the Germans played from  
a number of balloons behind their attack-  
ing lines. Several times German aero-  
planes attempted to fly over the city, but

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## Russians Fleeing in Disorder, Declares Austrian Embassy

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Manchester, Mass., Oct. 6.—The Aus-  
tro-Hungarian Embassy today made  
public the following official dispatch  
received by wireless from Vienna:  
"Our troops have progressed victori-  
ously in all their defenses in the Car-  
pathians where the Russians are  
fleeing in disorder.

"Two Montenegrin brigades, which  
had penetrated Eastern Bosnia, were  
crushed after two days of sanguinary  
fighting and are at present fleeing over  
the frontier in panic.

"A whole Serbian battalion was cap-  
tured by us in Northern Bosnia."  
"COUNT HERCHTOLD."

## Town in Hungary, Reported Captured by Russian Army

Rome, Oct. 6.—The city of Marmaro-  
Seiget, the capital of the county of Mar-  
maros, in Hungary, has been captured  
by the Russians, it was stated in a mes-  
sage received here today. The govern-  
ment of the county has been removed to  
Huszt, which is now threatened by a  
second Russian army. Austrian re-  
forcements are being hurried up.  
The county of Marmaros borders Gal-  
icia on the southwest.

### MASKED MEN ROB BANK.

Tupelo, Okla., Oct. 6.—The Farmers and  
Merchants National Bank was robbed  
of \$1,400 today by two masked men who  
held up President Armstrong and the  
cashier.

## Battle Imminent Near the Vistula, Berlin Announces

Russian and Austrian Armies Prepare for Gigantic Struggle,  
While Advance Guard Has Already Clashed—Activity  
of German Cruisers and Success in Damaging Enemy's  
Marine Praised in Official Statement—Kaiser's Armies  
in France Making Steady Advance on Both Wings of  
Battle Line, Forcing Allies Back, Teutons Claim.

## ANTWERP INNER FORTS ARE BEING BOMBARDED, WHILE KAISER'S TROOPS DRAW NEARER CAPITAL

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
Berlin (via Amsterdam), Oct. 6.—A gigantic battle between the  
Russians and re-enforced Austrian main army is imminent, it is stated  
here. It is reported that the advance guards of the two armies are al-  
ready engaged along the Vistula.

This official statement was issued here today:

"The situation of the German and Austrian armies everywhere is  
most hopeful.

"Great surprise is expressed at the activity of German cruisers  
stationed abroad. Though it was generally expected they would fall  
an easy victim to British warships,

## CAUCUS BOOSTS TAX ON LIQUOR

Increases Beer Levy to \$1.75  
and Puts New Tax on  
Rectified Spirits.

### HOLD ALL-NIGHT SESSION

Changes Proposed by Democratic Sen-  
ators May Keep Congress  
Sitting Indefinitely.

A Democratic caucus of the Senate  
struggled all day with the war revenue  
tax bill, and by midnight they had gone  
far enough to demonstrate that the bill  
as it goes to the Senate will hardly be  
recognized by its framers in the House.  
Important changes were made and the  
question arises now whether these will  
not tend to stir up new controversies  
and prolong the session of Congress.  
For one thing, the Democrats of the  
Senate laid a heavier burden on the  
demon rum. They voted to increase the  
tax on beer from \$1 to \$1.75 a barrel.  
This is an increase of 75 cents a bar-  
rel over the tax provided by the House,  
which boosted the internal revenue levy  
on beer from \$1 to \$1.50.

Some members of the majority party  
in the Senate wanted to levy a \$2 tax  
on this beverage, but this proposal was  
voted down, after Senator Stone, of Mis-  
souri, had come to the rescue. In a  
spirited speech opposing the increase  
from \$1 to \$2 a barrel, he said that beer  
was a temperance drink, and that the  
beverage has paid a large part of the  
revenues of the government.

But the Democrats of the Senate went  
a step further and voted to put a recti-  
fied tax of 5 cents a gallon on spirits.  
This action is likely to stir up a big fight,  
as the charge was frequently made when  
the measure was pending in the House  
that the whisky interests were making a  
strong fight to prevent any increase being  
levied upon their product.

Members of the Finance Committee of  
the Senate said last night that the in-  
creased tax on beer would add \$16,000,000  
to the revenues, and the 5 cents a gallon  
imposed as a rectified tax would bring  
in \$5,000,000.

Gasoline Escapes Tax.  
Gasoline will not be taxed if the Senate  
Democrats have their way. The House  
voted to tax gasoline 2 cents a gallon,  
thereby expecting to obtain about \$20,000,-  
000. At a late hour last night the Senate  
caucus voted to strike out the tax on  
gasoline, after the Senate Finance Com-  
mittee had cut the levy from 2 cents to 1  
cent a gallon. The vote in the caucus  
was 20 to 17 in favor of doing away with  
this tax.

The caucus also knocked out the tax on  
automobiles, so that as the bill will come  
from the Democratic caucus it will hit  
neither gasoline nor automobiles.  
The caucus by a vote of 28 to 11 cut the  
tax on bank capital and surplus from \$1  
per \$100 to \$1 per \$1,000. The bill as it  
passed the House carried the higher rate.  
The caucus retained the stamp tax of  
3 cents on Pullman car tickets. An effort  
was made by Senator Williams to in-  
crease this tax to 5 cents, and by Senator  
Lewis to reduce it to 1 cent, but both  
failed. There will be no stamp taxes on  
checks or other negotiable paper in the  
bill as approved by the Democratic cau-  
cus.

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## EUROPEAN WAR WILL COST \$17,600,000,000 IN SIX MONTHS, ASSERTS FRENCH ECONOMIST

Paris, Oct. 6.—That the European war will cost the world \$17,600,-  
000,000 if it lasts six months is the declaration made by Yves Guyot,  
economist and former cabinet minister, in today's Figaro.

Paul Leroy Beaulieu, another economist, says that the public loans  
necessary after the war will amount to \$8,000,000,000. Europe will  
look to the United States to provide it with money.

"Germany will probably have to pay an indemnity of \$4,000,000,-  
000 to \$5,000,000,000," says M. Beaulieu. "This she could do merely  
by taxing alcohol and tobacco."

## GERMANS WILL BLOW UP FORTRESS AT TSINGTAU

Rather Than Have Stronghold Fall Into Japanese or British  
Hands They Will Wreck It, Pekin Hears.  
End Near at Hand.

By LEONARD C. AMES.  
Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
Pekin, Oct. 6.—Persistent rumors are  
current here that the Germans have  
made preparations to blow up the great  
fortress at Tsingtau rather than allow  
it to fall into the hands of the Japanese  
and their English allies.

Emperor William has sent word to  
the German forces holding Kiaochow  
that they were to hold out against  
Japan "to the last man." This order  
probably will be obeyed literally. Ac-  
cording to the information available  
mines have been laid to demolish  
Tsingtau when the forts can no longer  
hold out.

According to a report received here  
today the British battleship Triumph is  
co-operating with the Japanese fleet in  
the bombardment of Tsingtau. The  
German gunboat damaged recently was  
the Jaguar.

## MILLIONS ARE ASKED OF BILLARD BY NEW HAVEN

Railroad Claims He Failed to Return  
\$3,824,147 Held in Secret  
Trust.

### RAKES UP ROAD'S HISTORY

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Meriden, Conn., Oct. 6.—The New York,  
New Haven & Hartford R. R. Co., and  
the New England Navigation Company  
today brought suit in New Haven County  
Superior Court against John L. Billard,  
of this city, and six officers of the Bil-  
lard company for recovery of \$3,824,147,  
alleging fraudulent action in connection  
with the sale of the Boston and Maine  
railroad.

The complaint sets forth that Mr. Bil-  
lard, as holder of the Boston & Maine  
stock owned by the New Haven road  
previous to 1908, had never paid nor  
accounted to the plaintiffs for the sum  
of \$3,824,147 in cash held by him in secret  
for the purpose of concealing the actual  
ownership.

It is alleged further that Billard false-  
ly and fraudulently claims said sum  
transferred to him by the New Haven  
road as his own property.

The entire history of the Boston &  
Maine stock from the time of its trans-  
fer to Mr. Billard as trustee on June 30,  
1900, to the transactions connected with  
the transfer of the shares by Billard to  
the Boston Railroad Holding Company in  
October, 1909, is set forth in the complaint.  
It contains the statement that the New  
Haven road wished to divest itself of the  
apparent ownership of the shares of  
stock in the Boston & Maine and trans-  
ferred the same, 1,000,000 shares in all, to  
Mr. Billard "to be held in secret trust for  
the benefit of the company."

This was done, the complaint recites,  
to avoid possible litigation, so the trans-  
action was entered on the books of the  
New Haven road and the New England  
Navigation Company as a bona fide sale  
at the rate of \$125 a share.

Besides Mr. Billard, the following men  
are named as defendants: Charles F.  
Linsley, of Meriden; Charles S. Mellen,  
Samuel Hemmingsway, Edward D. Robbins,  
Samuel C. Morehouse, and Henry V.  
Whipple, all of New Haven.

## GERMANY SEEKS PEACE THROUGH U. S., HE SAYS

A. E. W. Mason Says Kaiser Would  
Throw Odium of Refusal  
on England.

By A. E. W. MASON,  
Former member of British Parliament and noted  
novelist.

London, Oct. 6.—There is no doubt what-  
ever that already overtures have been  
made by Germany to the United States  
government to intervene as peace me-  
diator.

It is very likely that they were made  
with a view to throwing upon Great  
Britain the odium of refusal.  
Also it is certain that they will be made  
again.

## French Dash Ends; New German Army Imperils d'Amade

Allies' Advance Toward Belgium Meets Sudden Check as  
Re-enforcements Are Rushed to Von Kluck from Force  
Outside Antwerp—British Lines from Ostend and Dun-  
kirk Put in Jeopardy and Force Which Tried to Flank  
Kaiser's Right Wing Itself May Be Flanked—Teuton  
Wedge Smashes at French Left.

## TERRIFIC COUNTER ATTACK IN PROGRESS AGAINST ALLIES' LINES NORTH OF THE OISE

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
Paris, Oct. 6.—The Germans in a surprising show of offensive  
strength are attempting to cut off the left wing army of Gen. d'Amade  
and surround it.

Aviators returning from an aerial reconnaissance early in the day  
reported large masses of German cavalry in the vicinity of Lille, which  
the observers declared was screening a large force of infantry and ar-  
tillery moving through the region north of the line from Turcoing, ten  
miles northeast of Lille, to Amentieres, twenty-five miles to the west-  
ward of Lille.

The route of the march of this force was westward and crossed  
the lines of communication of the French with Northern Belgium and  
the lines reaching toward Dunkirk  
where the English expeditionary  
force was disembarked and Ost-  
end, the nearest important port in  
Belgium. Both these ports are  
within forty miles of Lille.

French Dash North Blocked.  
Thus has this body of newly arrived  
re-enforcements effectively blocked the  
French dash for Belgium and threatened  
the allies' lines of communication with  
the coast.

Simultaneously, according to the mid-  
night official report, the German coun-  
ter-attack north of the Oise, in the re-  
gion to the south of Noyon, was renewed  
with terrific violence. From this gen-  
eral locality the army of Gen. d'Amade  
reaches north and the army of Field Mar-  
shal Sir John French stretches east.

The German strategy evidently based  
on the hope of their success in driving  
a wedge through the allied lines at this  
point, dividing the French army facing  
east from the British force, facing north,  
thus enabling them to concentrate  
against that part of the line facing north  
while holding the French in their north-  
erly positions, or effecting a counter  
flanking movement by hurling troops  
from the north down upon the French  
left flank and bending it back toward  
the west.

French Report Gains.  
There still intervenes between the most  
northerly advanced position of the  
French left and the newly assumed of-  
fensive line of the Germans north of  
Lille a distance of between thirty and  
forty miles.

That the French tactics of extending  
their battle front steadily more and  
more to the northward, while batter-  
ing with unceasing artillery and small  
arms fire at von Kluck's right, has not  
been abandoned because of the appear-  
ance of the new German army in the  
north, was indicated by the official re-  
port today that steady gains had been  
reported in this direction.

The report admitted, however, that  
where previous advances had been de-  
scribed as "northerly" the direction  
now veered to northwesterly, in-  
dicating that the pressure brought to  
bear by the German right flank had  
been too great to permit of the  
Kaiser's line being bent eastward as  
would be necessary if the enveloping  
maneuver of the French were to prove  
successful.

Withdrawn from Antwerp.  
That the newly appeared German  
detached force north of Lille was with-  
drawn from the front at Antwerp was  
indicated by official reports received

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## 'Almighty Will Stand by Us,' Kaiser Wires Saxon King

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
Rotterdam, Oct. 6.—The Kaiser has sent  
a telegram to the King of Saxony, in  
which he says he visited the third army  
on October 2 and "greeted the brave and  
glorious 1st Regiment."

"The spirit of the troops," the Emperor  
added, "is excellent. With such an army  
we can finish the rest of our task glori-  
ously and victoriously. The Almighty  
will stand by us."

## American Red Cross Party Nearing Russian Territory

Stockholm, Oct. 6.—Six American doc-  
tors and twenty-four nurses, members  
of the Red Cross party assigned to duty  
in Russia, arrived here today en route  
to Petrograd. They will proceed on their  
journey tomorrow, via Rauma, Finland.

## TEUTONS RETIRE ACROSS FRONTIER, ASSERT RUSSIANS

Advance of Czar's Troops  
Continues, Official An-  
nouncement States.

### HARD FIGHTING GOES ON

News of Great Moment Is  
Expected from Western  
Poland.

### BLAMES KAISER FOR FAILURES

Col. Shumsky Says Emperor Inter-  
feres Continually with Plans of  
His General Staff.

By FRANCIS LAMMEL MURRAY.  
Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Petrograd, Oct. 6.—The Russian  
armies extended in broken, but co-  
ordinating lines from Tilsit, on the  
northeastern border of East Prussia  
to the Carpathians, are moving for-  
ward all along their vast front.

The defeated army of Germans in  
East Prussia is being followed in its  
retreat by Gen. Rennenkampf, who is  
harassing their rear with dogged de-  
termination. In the center the pro-  
gress of the Russian advance is veiled  
in secrecy. An unofficial report, which  
may be accepted with reserve at this  
time, is that the Russians who forced  
the passage of the Carpathians are  
now threatening Budapest. Dukla pass  
in the Carpathians marks the farthest  
outpost of the Russian battle front,  
but small forces of Russians are men-  
acing the plains of London.

Extending from Dukla pass almost  
to the Vistula River, near Warsaw,  
the conquering armies which swept  
Galicia are being hurried forward for  
the projected invasion of Silesia.

### Advance Goes On.

An official communique issued tonight  
says:

"The Russian advance continues. There  
is especially hard fighting in the neigh-  
borhood of Bialystok."

Reconnaissance by aviators show a  
continuous westward movement of the  
German columns, retreating over the  
Russian frontier.

News of the greatest moment may be  
expected from Western Poland in the  
course of the next few days, as the  
information comes from several quar-  
ters that German columns are pouring  
into that region.

As they pass through the country, they  
confiscate all provisions in the villages  
and leave behind in each a handful of  
soldiers to keep watch on the inhabi-  
tants who must answer for their lives any  
attempt on the part of the populace to  
tamper with the field telegraph and tele-  
phone equipment.

### Attacking German Positions.

Pressing upon the army retreating from  
Suwalki the troops of Gen. Rennenkampf  
are attacking the fortified German po-  
sitions extending over a front of sixty  
miles from Wladimir, Russian Poland,  
to Lyck, East Prussia.

This official statement was issued to-  
day:

"The German retreat continues on the  
front of East Prussia. The Germans  
are endeavoring to hold their fortified  
positions along the East Prussian fron-  
tier from Wirballen to Lyck."

"Two Russian armies are marching on  
Allenstein, East Prussia. Russian troops  
up to October 2 had captured 1,500 Ger-  
mans and several pieces of artillery, and  
also a number of ammunition wagons,  
automobiles, and motorcycles."

### Lays Blame on Kaiser.

According to Col. Shumsky, military  
expert of the Bourne Gazette, the un-  
successful German invasion of Russia  
was ordered by Emperor William. He  
asserts that the Kaiser has interfered  
continually with the plans of his general  
staff.

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## 15,000 Made Homeless By Earthquake in Asia

Smyrna, Oct. 6.—More than 15,000 per-  
sons were made homeless by the earth-  
quake in the vilayet of Koniah, but a  
dispatch from the city of Koniah stated  
that not more than sixty persons lost  
their lives.

Slight tremors were felt for several  
hours before the severest shock and this  
gave the people a warning that saved  
many thousands from death.

## Alarming Spread of Cholera Reported in Austria-Hungary

Venice, Oct. 6.—Latest messages from  
Austria-Hungary report an alarming  
spread of cholera there. All schools in  
Budapest have been closed. New regu-  
lations imposing penalties on newspapers  
and persons circulating alarmist news  
have been adopted.